

# HOME-RULE BILL IN CABINET. STORAGE WAREHOUSE ABLAZE. THE DAY IN WALL STREET.

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The latter vessel was so badly damaged that she soon filled and sank. It is supposed that several passengers on board of her were drowned. The Mary L. Stone sustained only trifling damage.

**"Field" and "Vanity Fair" Yet Grumble Over the America's Cup Deed.**

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London, Dec. 17.—The **Field** to-day makes scant reference to the acceptance by the New York Yacht Club of the challenge of Lord Dunraven for a race for the America's cup. It says no intimation is given as to whether the New York Yacht Club will undertake to modify the conditions of the new deed of gift as it was requested to do in the challenge.

**Field**, in its article on the subject, declares that though the challenge has been accepted there yet remains much dissatisfaction among English and American yachtsmen, which materially diminishes interest in the Lord Dunraven, it says, has been more than repaid in another English yachtman who has declared to be essential.

**Germany to Punish Those Who Communicate Military Secrets.**

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Berlin, Dec. 17.—A bill will be presented to the Reichstag in January, providing for the punishment of persons communicating military secrets to foreign powers. Three years' imprisonment and five hundred marks fine would be the penalty for private individuals. Newspapers violating the law would be condemned.

**Cable Brevities.**

It is now said that Archibald Jones, of London, Ireland, will become a cardinal instead of Archibald Macmillan.

Provincial prefects in France are warned to despatch with Royalist demonstrations arising out of the election.

The cotton season in India is the worst in twenty years, owing to failure of November rains.

**Husband-Killer a Maniac.**

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Anna Bowers, who blew her husband's brains out while he was sleeping Thursday night, is a raving maniac. She has slept since the tragic act, and alternately shrieked and moaned all the time.

**Investigating the Glass Strike.**

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Chairman L. D. Robinson and John Ronan, of the New Jersey State Board of Arbitration, are here today investigating the strike at the Cumberland Glass Works.

**Three Alarms of Fire This Morning on Hudson Street.**

**Almost a Panic in a Burning Tenement.**

The Fire Department had an obstinate fire to deal with early this morning. It broke out in the Empire Storage warehouse, 388, and 390 Hudson street, corner of Houston street. About 1:30 to 2 A.M. sixteen engines and the water tower threw water into the building—a big five-story structure.

Policeman James Whalen, of the Charles Street station, discovered smoke coming through the cracks of the iron shutters in the fourth story and sounded an alarm.

James Kelly keeps a liquor store on the ground floor of No. 388. John O. Carpenter has an iron and steel store at No. 390. No. 392 is occupied by George H. Stratton, tailoring manufacturer, and William Jones, rag dealer. The entire upper part of the building was used for storage purposes.

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